



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sara L. Hensley

SUBJECT: PARK ACREAGE AND USAGE

DATE: 06-01-05

Approved /s/

Date 06/02/05

PURPOSE

During the May 11, 2005 Recreation and Cultural Services CSA operating budget study session, staff was directed to provide additional information on park acreage by Council district and the relative usage of each park.

ANALYSIS

The attached chart lists neighborhood and regional parks by Council District and includes their acreage. The acreage includes developed and undeveloped property of the facility. In the case of Alum Rock Park, it is located in both Council Districts 4 and 5 with the majority of its acreage in Council District 5. It is important to also note that the vast majority of Alum Rock Park is open hillside and open space. It is really only the valley floor that is developed and usable by the public. This represents approximately 40 acres.

With respect to each park's level of usage, staff have classified the parks system into the following categories:

H = a showcase facility with greater requirements such as Plaza de Cesar Chavez, and high use parks, which typically has restrooms, athletic fields, elaborate playgrounds, a park patron's average visit is between 2-3 hours, can have on site or on-street parking, some level of programming such as a recreation program is conducted on the premises, and can be both a destination and serve the surrounding neighborhood.

Examples of high use parks include Kelley Park, Lake Cunningham Regional Park, Bramhall Park, and Mayfair Park. This category of facility ideally would be maintained seven days/week because of the enormous numbers of people utilizing its facilities on a daily basis. In the proposed operating budget, regional parks would be maintained six days/week and neighborhood parks with restrooms five days/week. Restrooms on the non maintenance days would be open, serviced and closed by part time staff for neighborhood parks, and Park

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Rangers would open and close restrooms in regional parks but are not expected to service them.

M = neighborhood park, can be a turnkey park, with few features, no restrooms, mostly turf, a small play area, and a couple of benches. This type of facility really serves the immediate population that lives nearby. It is not a destination park as people would not drive to the park but rather walk. This type of facility ideally would be maintained five days/week. In the proposed operating budget, this category of parks would be considered medium usage and would be maintained 3 days/ week.

L = facilities that are minimally developed such as trails, Montgomery Hill Park, and landscaping around buildings such as community centers and libraries are the lowest priority to maintain because they also have the lowest usage by the public. In the proposed operating budget, these types of facilities will be maintained 1 –2 days/week.

Please contact my office if additional information is needed.

/s/

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Attachment

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Council District	Park Name	Acreage	H/M/L Use
1	Calabazas Park	17.2	H
1	Gleason Avenue Mini-Park	0.2	L
1	Gullo Park	0.7	L
1	Hathaway Park	7.7	H
1	Mise Park	11.7	H
1	Murdock Park	11.5	H
1	Rainbow Park	9.6	H
1	San Tomas Park	4.8	M
1	Saratoga Creek Park	10.4	H
1	Starbird Park	7	H
Total CD 1		80.8 acres	
2	Albertson Parkway	2.7	L
2	Avenida Espana Park	1	L
2	Basking Ridge Park	8	M
2	Calero Park	4.6	M
2	Century Oaks Park (undeveloped)	NA	L
2	Chynoweth Park	2.4	M
2	Comanche Park	3	M
2	Coy Park	4.5	M
2	Danna Rock Park	11	M
2	Edenvale Garden Park	19.5	H
2	George Page Park	4	H
2	Great Oaks Park	12.3	H
2	La Colina Park	25.5	H
2	Las Paseos Park	10.8	H
2	Metcalf Park	6.2	H
2	Miner Park	5.2	M
2	Palmia Park	4.1	M
2	Shady Oaks Park	10.3	H
2	Silver Leaf Park	5.8	M
Total CD 2		140.9 acres	
3	Backesto Park	10.5	H
3	Bernal Park	5.8	H
3	Bestor Art ark	0.7	L
3	Biebrach Park	5	H
3	Brenda Lopez Plaza	0.2	L
3	Columbus Park	9.9	H
3	Forestdale Tot Lot	0.4	L
3	Guadalupe Gardens	145	H
3	Guadalupe River Park	120	H
3	Hacienda Creek Park	0.3	L
3	Martin Park	9.3	M
3	McEnery Park	1.3	H
3	Parque de los Pobladores	0.2	M
3	Parque de Padre Mateo Sheedy	NA	L
3	Pellier Park	0.2	L
3	Plaza de Cesar Chavez	2.3	H
3	Roosevelt Park	11	H

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3	Rosemary Garden Park	1.3	M
3	Ryland Park	3.2	M
3	Selma Olinder Park (undeveloped)	13	M
3	St. James Park	5	H
3	Watson Park	26.6	H
3	William Street Park	14.9	H
Total CD 3		386.1 acres	
4	Alum Rock Park	223	H
4	Alviso Park	22.3	M
4	Berryessa Creek Park	13.5	H
4	Brooktree Park	7.7	M
4	Cataldi Park	39.3	H
4	Flickinger Park	14.4	H
4	Moitozo Park	5	M
4	Noble Park	8.4	H
4	Northwood Park	3.9	M
4	Penitencia Creek Park	38	H
4	Townsend Park	8	M
4	Vinci Park	3	M
Total CD 4		386.7 acres	
5	Alum Rock Park	551	H
5	Capitol Park	11.6	H
5	Cassell Park	1.4	M
5	Children of the Rainbow Park	1.3	M
5	Cimarron Park	7.2	M
5	Emma Prusch Farm Park	43.5	H
5	Hillview Park	10.6	H
5	Lo Bue Park	6.1	M
5	Mayfair Park	6	H
5	Mt. Pleasant Park	5.4	M
5	Nancy Lane Plaza/Tot Lot	0.2	M
5	Our Park	0.5	L
5	Overfelt Gardens	32.6	H
5	Parque de la Amistad	1	M
5	Plata Arroyo Park	10.6	H
5	Zolezzi Park	2	M
Total CD 5		691 acres	
6	Bramhall Park (Willow Street-Frank Bramhall)	18	H
6	Buena Vista	0.2	L
6	Cahill Park	3.7	M
6	Canoas Park	3.8	M
6	Gregory Plaza Tot Lot	0.2	L
6	Hamann Park	10.5	H
6	Hester Park	0.4	M
6	Hummingbird Park	0.4	M
6	Lincoln Glen Park	0.2	H
6	Municipal Rose Garden	10.7	H
6	O'Connor Park	1.7	M

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6	River Glen Park	9.2	H
6	Roy Avenue Park	1	M
6	Rubino Park	3.3	M
6	Santana Park	5.3	H
6	Wallenberg Park	9	M
6	Wilcox Park	2	M
Total CD 6		79.6 acres	
7	Kelley Park	172	H
7	Barberry Lane Walkway	0.5	L
7	La Ragione Tot Lot	NA	L
7	Lone Bluff Park	0.5	M
7	McLaughlin Park	2.1	H
7	Melody Park	4	M
7	Ramblewood Park	9.3	H
7	Rockspring Youth Lot	1.7	M
7	Solari Park	8.3	H
7	Stonegate Park	4	M
7	Tully Community Ballfields	10	H
7	Turtle Rock Park	1.1	L
7	Umbarger Walkway	0.5	L
7	Waterford Park	2.8	M
7	Windmill Springs Park	8.3	H
Total CD 7		225.1 acres	
8	Aborn Park	3.1	M
8	Boggini Park	10	H
8	Brigadoon Park	5.5	H
8	Brigadoon Tot Lot	0.5	M
8	Canyon Creek Park	1.2 dev./37 total site	M
8	Dove Hill Park	3.9	M
8	Evergreen Park	15	H
8	Fernish Park	6	M
8	Groesbeck Hill Park	26.6	H
8	Lake Cunningham Park	202	H
8	Meadowfair Park	8.4	M
8	Montgomery Hill Park	59.6	L
8	Silver Creek Linear Park (incl Picnic Meadow)	53.8	H
8	Welch Park	11.1	H
Total CD 8		417.8 acres	
9	Branham Park	7	M
9	Butcher Park	10	H
9	Camden Park	6	H
9	DeAnza Park	9.6	H
9	Doerr Park	11.7	H
9	Erikson Park	1.6	M
9	Houge Park	12.5	H
9	Huerta Tot Lot	0.3	M
9	Kirk Park	4.5	M
9	Lone Hill Park	7.9	H

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9	Paul Moore Park	8.4	H
9	Scottsdale Park	0.3	L
9	William H. Cilker Park	1.8	L
Total CD 9		81.6 acres	
10	Almaden Lake Park	67.9	H
10	Allmaden Meadows Park	15.5	H
10	Almaden Winery (Grounds)	3.2	H
10	Cahalan Park	9.5	H
10	Carrabelle Park	2.9	M
10	Cathedral Oaks Park (undeveloped)	16.8	L
10	Chris Hotts Park	0.5	M
10	Foothill Park	6.9	L
10	Glenview Park	4.2	M
10	Graystone Park	4.7	H/M
10	Guadalupe Oak Grove	62.7	M
10	Jeffrey Fontana Park	10	H
10	Meadows Park	5.2	M
10	Parkview I	2.6	M
10	Parkview II	2.6	M
10	Parkview III	5.4	M
10	Parma Park	4.5	H
10	Pfeiffer Park	1.2	M
10	Playa del Rey Park	3.7	M
10	TJ Martin Park	23.6	H
10	Terrell Park	5.4	M
10	Thousand Oaks Park	10	M
10	Vista Park	9.9	H
Total CD 10		278.9 acres	

Acreage based on Parks/Community Facilities Inventory (developed + undeveloped acreage)

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